In the Claims

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are set forth below, whether or not an amendment is made. Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of ~~wagering~~ gambling on horse races in an event having races, the method comprising:

~~predetermining~~ selecting a ~~number for the~~ quantity of ~~an~~ the event's races to be included in a ~~wager~~ game;

allowing a player to ~~chose~~ choose a plurality of ~~which of an~~ the event's races to be included in the wager, the number of chosen races corresponding to the predetermined quantity; ~~the player wants to use for the number of races selected;~~

allowing the player to select ~~the winners~~ a winner for each of the chosen races, the selected winners included in the wager; ~~the player has chosen;~~ and

paying the player if at least one of the ~~player's~~ selected winners ~~win the~~ wins a corresponding chosen race ~~races the player has chosen~~ in the wager.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~wagering~~ gambling on horse races of Claim ~~claim~~ 1 wherein the ~~number selected for the~~ predetermined quantity of the event's races included in the wager ~~to be included in the game~~ is less than ~~the~~ a total number of races in the event.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~wagering~~ gambling on horse races of Claim ~~claim 2~~ 1 wherein the predetermined quantity ~~number~~ is five.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~wagering~~ gambling on horse races of Claim ~~claim~~ 1 wherein the player is paid if all of the ~~player's~~ selected winners win ~~all of~~ the chosen races in the ~~wager~~ game.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~wagering~~ gambling on horse races of Claim ~~claim~~ 1 wherein the player is paid if a certain quantity of the ~~player's~~ selected winners win ~~some of~~ the chosen races in the ~~wager~~ game.

6.   (Currently Amended) A method of wagering ~~wager for betting~~ on horse races in an event having a plurality of races, the method ~~wager~~ comprising:

being informed that a predetermined ~~X~~ number of event races are to be included in a ~~the~~ wager~~, where X is a number less than the total number of races in an event~~;

selecting ~~which~~ the event races ~~in the racing event~~ to be included ~~use~~ in the wager, the number of selected races corresponding to the predetermined quantity; and

selecting a winner ~~the winners~~ for each of the selected ~~X number of~~ races in the wager. ~~event; and~~

~~placing a wager on the winners selected for the X number or races in the event.~~

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of wagering ~~wager for betting~~ on horse races of Claim ~~claim~~ 6 wherein the selected races ~~X number of races~~ are not run consecutively.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of wagering ~~wager for betting~~ on horse races of Claim ~~claim~~ 6 wherein the wager is for at least ~~a minimum of~~ one dollar.

9.   (Currently Amended) A computer assisted method for administering betting on a plurality of races within a racing event using a computer for assistance, comprising:

publishing race information associated with the racing event to a plurality of players for use in a ~~betting~~ wager;

establishing a predetermining quantity of the event races to be included in the wager;

receiving a first selection of a subset of the plurality of races within the racing event from each of the plurality of players, the number of races in the first selection corresponding to the predetermined quantity in the wager;

receiving from each of the plurality of players a second selection of ~~a~~ predicted ~~winner~~ winners, each of the predicted winners corresponding to at least one of the races in the first selection, ~~for each race within the subset from the plurality of players~~ the first and second selections included in the wager;

receiving from each of the plurality of players a bet on the ~~an amount of money associated with the selection of the subset of races and selection of~~ predicted winners in the second selection ~~for each race within the subset from each of the plurality of~~ players;

pooling at least a portion of each bet ~~amount of money~~ to form a pool;

receiving results from each race within the racing event;

identifying a set of winning players from the plurality of players ~~winners~~ by determining which of ~~if~~ one or more players of the plurality of players ~~betting group~~ correctly selected each predicted winner in the second selection for each race within the first selection ~~within the subset~~;

~~returning~~ sending at least a portion of ~~the money within~~ the pool to one or more ~~of the winners~~ identified winning players ~~if one or more winners exist~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The computer assisted method of Claim ~~claim~~ 9 wherein the first selection of the subset of the plurality of races and the second selection of predicted winners for each race in the second selection ~~within the subset~~ is associated with a game card.

11.   (Currently Amended) The computer assisted method of Claim ~~claim~~ 10 wherein data on the game card is transferred to the computer.

12.   (Currently Amended) The computer assisted method of <u>Claim</u> <s>claim</s> 9 wherein <s>the</s> results <s>of</s> <u>from</u> each race within the racing event are input into the computer.

13.   (Currently Amended) The computer assisted method of claim 9 wherein <u>for at least one player of the plurality of players the first selection of races</u> <s>at least one of the subsets of races</s> is a subset of nonconsecutive races.

14.   (New) A wager in an event having races, the wager comprising a bet that an entry in each of a plurality of the races chosen by a bettor will be a winning entry.

15.   (New) A method of betting on an event having a plurality of event contests, the method comprising:

selecting a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager;

receiving from a user a selection from among the event contests to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity; and

receiving from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests.

16.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising receiving from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

17.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if at least one of the selected contestants wins a corresponding selected event contest.

18.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising changing the predetermined quantity after at least one contest has been run.

19.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising:

determining a number of remaining contests after at least one contest has run; and

changing the predetermined quantity after at least one contest has run.

20.   (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein the changed predetermined quantity is equal to the number of remaining contests.

21.   (New) The method of Claim 19 wherein the changed predetermined quantity is less than the number of remaining contests.

22.   (New) The method of Claim 15 wherein the predetermined quantity is less than a total number of contests in the event.

23.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if a preselected quantity of the selected contestants wins a corresponding selected event contest.

24.   (New) The method of Claim 15 further comprising paying the user if at least one of the selected contestants places in a corresponding selected event contest.

25.   (New) A system for betting on an event having a plurality of event contests, comprising:

a processor operable to determine a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager; and

an interface coupled to the processor and operable to:

receive from a user a selection from among the event contests to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity;

receive from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests;

26.   (New) The system of Claim 25, the interface further operable to receive from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

27.   (New) Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the computer readable medium comprising code operable to:

select a predetermined quantity of the event contests for a wager;

receive from a user a selection from among the event contests to be included in the wager, the number of selected event contests corresponding to the predetermined quantity; and

receive from the user a selection of contestants corresponding to each of the selected event contests.

28.   (New) The logic of Claim 27, computer readable medium comprising code further operable to receive from the user a bet on the selected contestants.

29.   (New) The method of wagering on horse races of Claim 6 further comprising placing a bet on the selected winners.